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Promotion of Official Language Hindi
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued instructions/guidelines to all the Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Banks etc. to use official language Hindi in their respective departments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are reports that most of the Departments are using English language and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the total funds granted/utilized for promotion of official language during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding use and promotion of official language particularly in the States in South India and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to ensure compliance of the said instructions/guidelines and also to promote the use of Hindi language in Government Offices and PSUs along with the steps taken to make the official language more useful, simple and comprehensible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): Yes, Sir. An Annual Programme is issued by the Department of
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Official Language every year wherein targets are assigned to work in Official Language Hindi in Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks etc. of the Central Government.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The Department of Official Language does not grant any funds to States for promotion of Hindi.

(d): No, Sir. The Department of Official Language carries out the assessment of use of Hindi language region wise (In A, B and C regions) across the country. Along with some other states all States of Southern India come under 'C' region.

(e): The Government undertakes the following steps to promote the use of Hindi in Government Offices and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) : -

(i) Quarterly progress reports regarding progressive use of Official Language Hindi are received and reviewed at the end of each quarter.
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(ii) An Annual Programme is issued by the Department of Official Language every year wherein targets are fixed for central government offices for the use of Official Language Hindi.

(iii) Achievements regarding compliance of Annual Programme are laid on the Table of both the Houses of the Parliament in the form of Annual Assessment Report.

(iv) The Department of Official Language conducts training for central government employees in Hindi language, Hindi typing, translation and the use of Hindi on computer courses through its subordinate offices viz 'Central Hindi Training Institute' and 'Central Translation Bureau'.

(v) Official Language Implementation Committees are constituted in Central Government offices etc. to review the progressive use of Official Language Hindi.

(vi) Town Official Language Implementation Committees have been
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formed at town level to review the progressive use of Hindi in Central Govt. Offices etc.

(vii) Hindi Salahakar Samitis are constituted in Ministries/Departments to provide necessary guidelines.

(viii) The officers of 08 Regional Implementation Offices of Department of Official Language ensure compliance of official language policy through Official Language inspections etc.

(ix) The Official Language Policy of Union is based on inspiration, incentive and goodwill. Therefore, various incentive schemes are being implemented by the Department of Official Language for Govt. of India Offices/personnel to promote the use of Hindi.

In order to make official language Hindi more useful, simple and comprehensible an administrative glossary of simple words has been made available on the Department's website and instructions are issued to Ministries/Departments from time to time regarding the use of simple Hindi.
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